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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB 11-109 LightSquared's Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of LightSquared's proposed mobile broadband network. An avid boater, I frequently use my GPS device when on the lake, or on the road. However, as a businessman in rural Arkansas, I also recognize the vital need for better broadband access across our state. We are ranked near the bottom in high-speed connectivity, and it puts our students, our job seekers, and our economy at a serious disadvantage. LightSquared's network would open up much-needed spectrum, increasing broadband access and lowering costs for consumers. We all benefit from the availability of both of these technologies, and I firmly believe there are viable solutions that will allow them to co-exist.

The benefits offered by increased broadband access are numerous – not just to folks in my area, but for all Americans. It would be a shame to let this opportunity pass simply because of outdated and unfair policies.

LightSquared has played by the rules, following regulatory procedures and processes for a decade, as it prepared to launch its network. When interference concerns have been raised, the company has taken steps to address them.

However, it's now time for the FCC to take an active role in enforcing spectrum rights among the many users, including LightSquared and GPS. My understanding is that commercial GPS receivers are not licensed to operate outside of GPS-allocated spectrum, and if they do in fact encroach upon adjacent spectrum, then they should use filters to deal with interference. America needs new spectrum for mobile broadband quickly, and we can't let encroaching devices prevent future progress.

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I sincerely hope the FCC will quickly rule on this petition to provide some clarity and pave the way for LightSquared to begin operations in the spectrum it is licensed to use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Ryburn', with a stylized, cursive script.

Brandon Ryburn

cc:

Assistant Secretary Lawrence Strickling, NTIA